

ARKANSAS FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION

FACT SHEET

Name of Family Planning Section 1115 Demonstration: Arkansas Family Planning

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

Arkansas' Family Planning (FP) waiver recently implemented a three-year extension which extends Medicaid eligibility to include women ages 14 – 44 between 133% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Previously, program eligibility had been at or below 133% FPL. Approximately 101,000 people will be covered over the three-year extension period.

The primary objective of the demonstration is to reduce the number of unintended births, thereby controlling specific Arkansas Medicaid program costs. Subsequent to the initial proposal, provisions to include primary care services were also included. The FP demonstration now provides participants with a connection to community health centers and other providers for accessing primary care services.

As of May 2003, approximately 58,351 clients were enrolled in the demonstration. Enrollment has increased at roughly the rate of population growth during the life of the demonstration.

ELIGIBILITY

This program provides coverage for family planning services to women ages 14 – 44 with family income between 133% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

OBJECTIVES OF THE DEMONSTRATION

- Increase access to and use of Medicaid-paid FP services for women of childbearing age;
- Decrease inadequately-spaced pregnancies among women in the target population (“inadequately-spaced” is defined as less than 2 years);
- Decrease the number of Medicaid paid deliveries;
- Increase the use of subsidized FP services by women in need of such services in Arkansas;
- Improve the availability of FP services for the Arkansas Medicaid population; and
- Offset the expenditures under the waiver with reductions in other Medicaid expenditures.

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

Family planning services provided under this waiver include:

- FP office visits;
- Laboratory services for FP;
- All FDA-approved birth control methods, devices, and supplies;
- HIV pre- and post-test counseling visits;
- Emergency services directly related to the contraceptive method and follow-up;
- Pregnancy testing and counseling;
- Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections;
- Male and female sterilization; and
- Reproductive health education and counseling services

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